

All-Party Parliamentary Group to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking



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The Hon. Bill Morneau, PC, MP
Minister of Finance
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Minister Morneau,

We are writing to you as the Co-Chairs of the newly formed *All-Party Parliamentary Group (APPG) to End Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking*. In light of the 2019 budget consultations that are currently underway, we would like to submit two recommendations.

Firstly, we commend the federal government for providing \$14.51 million over five years for the national human trafficking hotline. This is a positive step forward in the fight to combat human trafficking. However, we would recommend that Canadian government complement this national hotline with funding to support services for domestic victims of human trafficking. Victims of human trafficking significantly need more resources available to them to support their recovery, particularly safe and secure housing for rehabilitation. With a new hotline, there must be places for victims of trafficking to be referred to. Further, many victims of human trafficking are unilingual and therefore these services should be available throughout Canada and representative of both official languages. This dedicated funding for safe houses would help to improve the wellbeing and recovery of Canadian human trafficking survivors.

Secondly, we would recommend that the federal government commit funding for the Global Fund to End Modern Slavery (GFEMS). Since human trafficking is often global in scale, the GFEMS seeks to tackle the issue with an integrated approach at the macro level. In addition to many other pursuits, the Global Fund aims to reduce the barriers that stop the coordination and collaboration between on-the-ground implementers across multiple sectors in hopes of effectively leveraging resources to disrupt modern slavery. The GFEMS also acknowledges the primacy of data collection as a means to creating anti-trafficking strategies that best resemble the facts.

The Global Fund's mission is to end modern day slavery by making it economically unprofitable. To that end, the GFEMS has created a Framework for Action to mobilize an effective and coherent global response proposes the following six actions:

- Increasing resources commensurate with the scale and complexity of the challenge, and elevating global commitment to address the issue
- Engaging government to facilitate ownership of anti-slavery strategies and co-funded budgeted action plans in a country/sector, and creating mechanisms for regional and global collaboration
- Engaging private sector to help create market-based solutions, including targeted public-private partnerships (PPPs), that increase the impact and sustainability of anti-trafficking programming
- Engaging civil society to ensure effective design and implementation of interventions to end modern slavery
- Funding transformative programs and technologies within our three funding themes to test, demonstrate, and begin scaling high-impact approaches
- Ensuring robust assessment of impact by deploying cost effective approaches to identify and measure prevalence reduction, return on investment, and drivers of vulnerability

Dedicated funding for GFEMS from the government of Canada would complement the funds already committed from many of our partner countries including the UK and the U.S.

Once again, we commend the funding of a national human trafficking hotline. Ending sex-trafficking and modern slavery in Canada and abroad is a goal we must pursue diligently.

Sincerely,



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